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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 15-Feb-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	02/15/03	02/08/03
BRO-FRY	154,543	153,527
LT HENS	1,955	1,841
HVY HENS	1,301	1,425

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEK ENDING 08-Feb-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	277	14	291
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	337	14	351
SAME WEEK YR AGO	455	0	455
TO-DATE/2003	1,974	47	2,021
TO-DATE/2002	2,160	8	2,168

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,966	1,391	3,357
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK 1/11/03	1,916	1,457	3,373
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,317	1,249	3,566
TO-DATE/2003	11,744	8,204	19,948
TO-DATE/2002	13,129	7,661	20,790

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 08-Feb-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	150,335	1,689	1,377	3,066
AVG WT	5.05	3.26	7.49	5.16
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	151,181	1,579	1,443	3,022
SAME WK YR AGO	155,316	1,862	1,249	3,111
AVG WT	5.09	3.36	7.70	5.10
TO-DATE/2003	878,124	9,770	8,157	17,927
TO-DATE/2002	901,952	10,969	7,653	18,622

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 153 million head or 1.2 million head less than or 99 of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING February 1, 2003**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	27,057	20,919	44,740
Avg Weight	3.80	4.77	6.18
% of total /1	29%	23%	48%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	21,565	21,968	46,844
Avg Weight	3.87	4.74	6.24
% of total /1	24%	24%	52%
Same week, yr ago /2	36,117	19,445	49,841
Avg Weight	3.86	4.72	6.10
% of total /1	34%	18%	47%
To date/2003	104,283	97,266	198,316
To date/2002	151,897	107,299	226,998

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 08-Feb-03
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,758	2,504	51	20	4,333
AVG WT	15.77	37.77	24.64	29.17	28.65
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,656	2,695	55	5	4,411
SAME WK YR AGO	1,813	2,759	38	5	4,615
AVG WT	16.24	36.85	27.48	28.87	28.67
TO-DATE/2003	9,682	14,980	324	72	25,058
TO-DATE/2002	10,029	15,338	212	41	25,620

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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